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April weather was abnormally cool east of the Rocky Mountains, while surface temperatures were above normal in the far West. Over the former area the resultant-wind directions at 1.5 and 3 kilometers (charts VIII and IX) were decidedly northwesterly. These winds were more northerly than normal. At Fargo, N. Dak., for instance, the resultant direction at 1.5 kilometers was oriented 51° north, or clockwise of normal. Also, those sections of the country with large negative departures of surface temperature during April were characterized by outstanding northerly departures of resultant-wind directions from normal. However, the resultant velocities were less than normal over all but the southern portion of the United States.

In agreement with the pronounced negative departures from normal of monthly mean surface temperatures since the beginning of last winter, the upper-air resultant-wind directions have been consistently more northerly than normal over the areas where such temperature departures prevailed.

Comparison of the 5 p. m. with the 5 a. m. winds at 1.5 and 3 kilometers indicated definite diurnal variations. The afternoon resultant directions were more southerly than the early morning directions over all of the country except in the northern Rocky Mountain region at 1.5 and 3 kilometers and the South and Southeast at 1.5 kilometers. Large diurnal changes were outstanding in the Central States where the 5 p. m. winds departed in counter clockwise rotations from the 5 a. m. directions by as much as 47° , 34° , 33° , and 26° at St. Louis, Mo., Nashville, Tenn., Chicago, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively at 1.5 kilometers. At Brownsville, Tex., Mobile, Ala., and Miami, Fla., respectively, the 5 p. m. winds were more northerly than the 5 a. m. by 118° , 34° , and 48° . Diurnal variations were not so marked at 3 kilometers. The 5 p. m. resultant-wind velocities were lower than at 5 a. m. almost generally, except over the Southeast and far Northwest.

Mean barometric pressure during April was lowest at 5,000 feet (chart VIII) over Mount Washington, N. H. (837.1 millibars), while at all higher levels (table 1) the lowest mean pressure was centered over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and highest over Miami, Fla. Mean pressures were higher than during March at all radiosonde stations shown in table 1. At 8 kilometers, where maximum monthly changes took place, the largest increase of pressure over the preceding month (10 millibars) occurred at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and the smallest (1 millibar) over Miami, Fla., and the Pacific slope.

During April the steepest gradient between the low and high areas over Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Miami, Fla., respectively, occurred at 8 kilometers. The greatest

concentration of isobars existed over the East, particularly the Middle and South Atlantic States, where resultant-wind velocities were outstanding at 8 kilometers (23.9 m. p. s. from the WNW at Atlanta, Ga., and 24.6 m. p. s. from the W. at Miami, Fla., respectively).

April was warmer than March in the United States and Alaska at all levels up to 9 kilometers, and colder above at all higher levels. This situation was more pronounced over the entire Mississippi valley. However, in the Southwest and far Northwest, where surface mean temperatures were decidedly above normal, the mean temperatures at all standard levels up to an average of 18 kilometers were higher in April than during March.

At Oakland, Calif., and Washington, D. C., the mean temperatures at all levels were lower in April 1940 than during the corresponding month of 1939. The current mean temperature over Nashville, Tenn., Oklahoma City, Okla., Omaha, Nebr., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was higher than in April 1939 at all levels up to 7 kilometers, and then colder above.

The surface of mean freezing temperature in the upper air sloped up toward the South from an altitude of 640 meters above mean sea level at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to 4,280 meters in height over Miami, Fla. At the latter place this was an increase of 200 meters over the preceding month. This surface of mean freezing temperature also was lower over the Atlantic coast than the Pacific, increasing in height from 2,330 meters at Norfolk, Va., to 3,040 meters over Oakland, Calif.

The lowest temperatures observed during the month occurred at 13 kilometers over the entire country north of the 36th parallel, and at progressively greater heights farther south, reaching a maximum altitude of 18 kilometers over Miami, Fla. The lowest minimum temperature observed in April was -78.0° C. over Miami, Fla., and the highest minimum was -66.1° C. over Minneapolis, Minn.

MEAN MONTHLY ISENTROPIC CHART¹

The mean isentropic chart, $\theta=304^{\circ}$, for April 1940 (chart XII), showed three anticyclonic eddies. One was situated over northwestern Mexico, another in the western Gulf region, and the third somewhere off the south Atlantic coast. None of these eddies was centered in the network of stations shown on the chart, but they were indicated quite clearly by the corresponding moist tongues. The two moist tongues over the Continent seemed to be responsible for the precipitation centers to the west of the Appalachians and in Montana and the Dakotas.

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TABLE 1.—Mean free-air barometric pressure ($P.$) in millibars, temperature ($T.$) in degrees centigrade, and relative humidities ($R. H.$) in percent obtained by airplanes and radiosondes during April 1940

Altitude (meters) m. s. l.	Stations and elevations in meters above sea level																											
	Albuquerque, N. Mex. (1,620 m.)			Atlanta, Ga. (300 m.)			Billings, Mont. (1,050 m.)			Bismarck, N. Dak. (505 m.)			Boise, Idaho (864 m.)			Buffalo, N. Y. (220 m.)			Charleston, S. C. (14 m.)									
	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.				
Surface	30	836	10.7	36	30	981	12.7	72	28	891	4.4	79	30	957	2.0	84	29	915	8.3	72	28	989	2.0	81	29	1,015	13.1	80
500	30	954	3.7	69	30	959	10.8	68	30	960	18.2	87	29	984	5.0	66	30	956	2.6	71	29	958	14.0	65				
1,000	30	897	1.9	67	30	902	11.2	64	30	900	2.0	79	29	847	7.6	61	29	898	0.3	69	29	903	11.7	59				
1,500	30	850	8.3	62	28	846	4.5	72	30	846	-0.2	77	29	797	3.8	63	28	843	-2.4	67	29	850	8.7	56				
2,000	30	798	10.2	36	30	800	6.3	58	28	795	2.3	68	30	794	-2.7	80	29	791	-4.8	64	29	800	6.7	53				
2,500	30	751	7.1	38	30	752	4.1	55	28	747	-0.6	67	30	746	-4.0	75	29	748	0.6	65	29	742	-6.9	62				
3,000	30	707	3.6	40	30	707	1.5	54	28	702	-4.1	69	30	700	-6.2	71	29	703	-3.4	68	28	696	-8.8	62				
4,000	30	624	-3.9	44	30	624	-4.0	52	27	618	-10.8	70	30	615	-11.1	65	29	618	-9.9	64	28	611	-13.9	58				
5,000	30	549	-11.0	42	30	549	-10.2	50	27	542	-16.8	66	30	539	-17.3	64	29	543	-16.1	61	28	535	-19.7	56				
6,000	30	481	-17.7	37	30	481	-16.9	47	27	474	-23.7	67	29	471	-24.5	63	28	474	-22.9	60	27	467	-26.1	56				
7,000	29	420	-25.1	35	30	420	-24.6	44	27	412	-31.4	61	28	409	-32.6	64	28	413	-30.7	58	27	406	-33.6	54				
8,000	29	365	-33.1	34	30	366	-32.1	44	27	357	-39.4	59	25	355	-40.7	57	28	358	-38.3	57	25	352	-40.9	50				
9,000	29	316	-41.1	33	30	316	-39.9	42	27	308	-47.3	53	23	306	-48.4	53	28	308	-46.0	53	25	302	-48.3	56				
10,000	29	272	-48.8	33	30	273	-47.2	42	27	264	-54.4	54	22	262	-55.5	55	27	265	-52.7	52	25	259	-53.9	52				
11,000	29	233	-54.8	30	234	-53.9	42	27	226	-59.0	59	21	224	-59.2	52	26	227	-57.1	51	24	222	-55.4	52					
12,000	29	199	-59.4	30	200	-58.8	42	27	192	-65.4	61	20	190	-68.1	57	26	194	-67.7	57	24	190	-65.5	56					
13,000	20	170	-59.6	30	171	-61.4	42	27	164	-66.8	68	18	162	-65.4	62	26	165	-65.3	63	23	162	-55.2	53					
14,000	29	144	-59.2	30	145	-61.3	42	27	140	-65.7	70	17	138	-65.4	59	23	141	-65.6	60	20	138	-54.6	59					
15,000	29	123	-61.0	26	23	-62.6	42	25	120	-66.1	72	12	118	-65.6	61	20	121	-66.0	60	22	118	-54.8	60					
16,000	28	105	-62.6	26	105	-64.7	42	24	102	-66.8	72	12	101	-65.8	67	18	103	-66.7	72	14	102	-55.8	69					
17,000	27	89	-62.9	23	89	-65.3	42	19	87	-57.0	72	10	86	-57.3	53	16	88	-57.0	50	10	87	-56.3	52					
18,000	21	75	-62.6	18	76	-64.3	42	10	74	-57.2	72	7	73	-57.0	53	6	75	-56.9	52	15	76	-63.2	52					
19,000	11	64	-61.3	11	64	-61.1	42	7	55	-63.9	53					6	74	-58.6	52	5	65	-61.0	52					

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	(Patterson Field) Dayton, Ohio (250 m.)			Denver, Colo. (1,616 m.)			El Paso, Tex. (1,193 m.)			Ely, Nev. (1,908 m.)			Fairbanks, Alaska (153 m.)			Joliet, Ill. (178 m.)			Juneau, Alaska (49 m.)					
	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser- vations	P.	T.	R. H.
Surface	30	836	5.6	68	30	880	15.8	27	30	807	4.1	74	29	990	8.3	47	29	994	5.0	77	29	1,010	7.3	69
500	30	954	3.7	62	30	959	10.8	68	30	960	18.3	75	29	950	7.1	62	29	955	5.4	68	30	958	11.4	76
1,000	30	897	1.9	67	30	902	8.8	65	30	905	15.6	70	29	899	3.7	68	29	899	4.6	61	29	899	2.0	70
1,500	30	843	0.0	62	30	849	5.1	70	30	853	13.2	65	29	845	.3	64	30	845	2.0	64	29	844	-1.6	72
2,000	30	792	-2.0	61	30	798	1.9	73	30	804	11.5	57	29	794	-3.6	64	29	740	-7.0	56	29	746	-2.7	60
2,500	30	743	-4.1	60	30	750	-9.9	60	30	757	9.2	50	29	746	-10.4	57	28	700	-4.6	58	29	697	-10.7	69
3,000	30	698	-6.5	60	30	704	-3.7	61	30	712	6.6	44	29	699	-6.4	65	28	615	-10.0	56	29	611	-16.4	64
4,000	30	613	-12.0	60	30	620	-9.2	50	30	630	1.5	32	29	615	-24.1	59	28	531	-24.1	57	29	534	-23.1	65
5,000	30	537	-17.8	62	30	544	-15.0	45	29	556	-4.0	30	29	539	-17.2	60	30	547	-11.4	52	28	472	-22.9	56
6,000	30	469	-24.1	56	30	476	-22.2	44	29	489	-10.6	29	29	471	-24.4	57	30	479	-17.9	50	28	470	-24.0	52
7,000	30	405	-31.3	55	30	414	-29.9	43	29	428	-17.5	57	28	409	-31.8	56	30	418	-25.2	49	28	409	-27.0	34
8,000	29	354	-38.9	56	29	359	-38.0	43	29	374	-24.8	27	28	354	-39.7	55	30	364	-32.9	48	28	364	-34.8	34
9,000	28	305	-46.0	55	28	310	-45.2	32	28	325	-32.3	27	26	306	-47.0	50	30	314	-40.7	51	28	314	-42.6	56
10,000	27	262	-51.9	55	28	266	-51.5	55	28	282	-40.0	55	25	262	-53.7	55	30	271	-47.7	57	28	270	-50.2	57
11,000	25	224	-55.4	47	28	228	-57.0	55	28	243	-47.3	53	25	224	-58.1	51	28	233	-54.2	52	28	232	-56.6	57
12,000	23	192	-57.3	55	25	194	-59.4	54	28	208	-54.1	55	25	191	-59.0	52	28	199	-58.6	53	28	198	-60.9	57
13,000	22	164	-57.6	54	24	166	-58.6	58	28	178	-59.9	55	25	163	-57.9	52	28	169	-59.9	53	28	168	-61.9	57
14,000	21	140	-57.5	55	21	141	-57.9	53	28	151	-64.5	55	23	139	-56.6	52	28	145	-59.4	52	28	143	-60.5	55
15,000	20	119	-57.1	54	19	120	-58.1	52	28	125	-67.6	54	21	115	-56.4	52	28	123	-59.9	51	28	122	-60.8	54

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	Oklahoma City, Okla. (391 m.)				Omaha, Nebr. (301 m.)				Pearl Harbor, T. H. (6 m.) ¹				Pensacola, Fla. ² (24 m.)				Phoenix, Ariz. (339 m.)				St. Louis, Mo. (171 m.)							
	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.				
Surface	29	967	12.7	67	30	979	8.6	66	30	1,016	21.0	86	27	1,014	16.7	78	30	972	18.6	38	30	994	10.2	70	30	993	17.5	77
500	29	954	13.3	64	30	956	8.3	65	30	960	20.2	77	27	950	15.3	66	30	954	21.3	34	30	955	10.1	64	30	956	17.4	76
1,000	29	899	12.8	56	30	893	7.0	63	30	806	16.9	79	27	904	12.8	64	30	900	19.5	31	30	895	7.7	63	30	902	16.6	66
1,500	29	847	10.1	54	30	846	4.3	64	30	854	14.0	73	27	852	10.6	55	30	848	15.5	31	30	840	5.2	66	30	850	15.1	57
2,000	29	797	8.2	49	29	796	2.2	64	30	805	11.8	66	27	802	9.0	44	30	800	11.4	34	30	798	3.0	66	30	801	13.6	49
2,500	29	750	5.8	47	29	748	-2	62	30	758	10.1	51	27	754	6.6	40	30	753	7.4	38	30	748	.9	63	30	755	11.3	42
3,000	28	705	2.7	46	29	702	-2	60	30	714	9.2	34	27	709	4.2	37	30	708	3.9	38	30	702	-1.4	60	30	711	8.5	39
4,000	28	623	-3.9	45	29	618	-8.5	57	30	632	5.8	16	27	627	-1.4	35	30	625	-2.4	39	29	619	-6.9	55	30	629	1.2	36
5,000	28	548	-11.2	45	29	543	-14.9	55	-----	-----	-----	-----	26	552	-7.9	39	30	550	-9.4	37	29	544	-13.0	50	20	554	-6.1	35
6,000	28	480	-18.1	42	29	473	-21.9	52	-----	-----	-----	-----	26	485	-14.3	41	30	483	-16.8	37	29	476	-19.7	49	29	487	-13.4	35
7,000	28	419	-25.7	39	29	414	-29.6	49	-----	-----	-----	-----	26	424	-21.2	42	30	422	-24.8	36	28	415	-27.5	49	29	427	-20.7	35
8,000	28	364	-33.8	38	29	359	-37.5	47	-----	-----	-----	-----	25	369	-28.5	43	30	367	-33.2	35	28	360	-35.5	49	25	372	-28.2	35
9,000	27	315	-41.4	39	29	310	-45.0	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	25	320	-35.7	48	30	317	-41.0	31	25	312	-43.0	50	28	323	-36.0	35
10,000	26	272	-48.9	39	29	266	-51.7	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	21	277	-42.5	46	30	274	-48.4	32	22	268	-50.4	44	28	279	-43.5	50
11,000	26	233	-55.0	39	28	228	-56.9	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	20	238	-49.6	52	28	235	-54.6	21	229	-57.0	50	27	240	-50.2	50	
12,000	26	199	-59.1	39	28	194	-58.9	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	18	204	-55.6	56	26	200	-58.3	20	195	-62.0	50	25	205	-55.6	50	
13,000	26	170	-59.6	39	28	166	-57.7	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	14	177	-60.1	51	24	170	-59.4	19	166	-59.9	50	25	175	-59.0	50	
14,000	25	144	-60.2	24	24	142	-56.9	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	11	148	-64.3	53	21	146	-59.8	17	141	-58.8	50	24	149	-61.6	50	
15,000	24	123	-62.1	21	21	121	-57.5	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	10	126	-67.5	55	18	123	-60.7	15	120	-59.4	50	24	127	-64.3	50	
16,000	19	104	-63.8	18	18	103	-58.7	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	7	107	-68.0	50	15	105	-62.3	11	102	-60.2	50	22	108	-67.1	50	
17,000	18	88	-64.4	13	13	88	-59.3	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	7	91	-69.2	52	12	89	-63.1	10	86	-60.5	50	20	91	-68.2	50	
18,000	14	75	-63.5	9	9	75	-58.8	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	5	77	-69.7	52	6	75	-61.8	8	73	-59.6	50	15	77	-67.8	50	
19,000	7	64	-62.5	5	5	64	-57.9	50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6	65	-66.8	50	-----	-----	-----	

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	San Diego, Calif. ¹ (19 m.)				Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (221 m.)				Seattle, Wash. ¹ (27 m.)				(Barksdale Field), Shreveport, La. (51 m.)				Spokane, Wash. (598 m.)				Washington, D. C. ¹ (7 m.)			
	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.	Number of obser-vations	P.	T.	R. H.
Surface	29	1,013	15.8	76	30	990	0.2	79	24	1,014	11.0	76	-----	-----	-----	-----	30	944	8.6	74	29	1,015	7.2	73
500	29	958	13.7	73	30	956	.6	75	24	955	9.0	66	-----	-----	-----	-----	30	899	8.1	66	29	955	6.9	62
1,000	29	903	12.1	65	30	898	-1.6	71	24	902	6.1	65	-----	-----	-----	-----	30	846	4.8	66	29	845	4.8	60
1,500	29	849	10.1	58	30	843	-4.7	69	24	848	2.7	70	-----	-----	-----	-----	30	796	1.0	69	29	794	.5	54
2,000	29	800	8.7	43	30	791	-6.9	67	24	797	-.7	78	-----	-----	-----	-----	30	747	-2.6	73	29	746	-1.9	54
2,500	29	752	6.2	39	30	742	-8.9	65	24	748	-3.8	76	-----	-----	-----	-----	30	702	-6.0	75	29	700	-4.7	55
3,000	29	707	2.8	33	30	695	-11.5	63	24	702	-6.4	67	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	617	-12.0	73	29	616	-10.0	58
4,000	29	624	-2.9	35	30	609	-16.5	60	24	617	-11.6	60	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	541	-18.4	66	29	540	-15.4	54
5,000	29	549	-9.5	36	30	533	-22.4	58	24	540	-18.0	63	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	472	-25.6	63	29	473	-21.7	50
6,000	28	492	-16.4	41	30	464	-29.4	57	24	472	-24.3	61	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	410	-33.2	62	29	412	-29.2	53
7,000	27	422	-24.1	45	30	402	-36.4	53	24	411	-31.9	66	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	355	-40.6	61	21	358	-36.4	50
8,000	27	367	-31.7	49	30	348	-43.2	52	21	356	-39.5	68	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	306	-47.8	52	22	308	-43.8	50
9,000	27	317	-30.2	50	30	299	-49.3	52	20	307	-46.8	68	-----	-----	-----	-----	28	262	-53.5	52	19	265	-50.9	50
10,000	27	274	-47.0	50	30	257	-54.2	50	20	264	-52.6	68	-----	-----	-----	-----	28	225	-56.0	50	15	227	-57.3	50
11,000	26	235	-54.1	52	28	220	-56.1	51	18	226	-56.1	51	-----	-----	-----	-----	28	192	-55.7	51	9	193	-61.5	50
12,000	25	200	-58.4	52	28	188	-55.7	51	15	193	-56.5	51	-----	-----	-----	-----	27	164	-54.4	51	6	165	-61.5	50
13,000	23	171	-59.5	52	28	160	-54.9	51	14	165	-55.6	51	-----	-----	-----	-----	26	140	-54.0	51	5	140	-60.7	50
14,000	21	146	-																					

TABLE 2.—Free-air resultant winds based on pilot-balloon observations made near 5 p. m. (75th meridian time) during April 1940.

[Directions given in degrees from North ($N = 360^\circ$, $E = 90^\circ$, $S = 180^\circ$, $W = 270^\circ$)—Velocities in meters per second]

TABLE 3.—Maximum free air wind velocities (m. p. s.), for different sections of the United States

[Based on pilot balloon observations during April 1940]

Section	Surface to 2,500 meters (m. s. l.)					Between 2,500 and 5,000 meters (m. s. l.)					Above 5,000 meters (m. s. l.)				
	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m.) m. s. l.	Date	Station	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m.) m. s. l.	Date	Station	Maximum velocity	Direction	Altitude (m.) m. s. l.	Date	Station
Northeast ¹	39.2	W	2,500	4	Columbus, Ohio	42.5	NW	4,930	6	Kylertown, Pa.	45.6	NNW	9,610	27	Kylertown, Pa.
East-Central ²	43.0	WNW	2,340	5	Greensboro, N. C.	43.0	WNW	3,740	1	Richmond, Va.	46.5	NW	5,761	14	Greensboro, N.C.
Southeast ³	29.8	SSW	1,550	11	Birmingham, Ala.	42.8	WNW	5,000	13	Atlanta, Ga.	69.5	NW	13,340	11	Jacksonville, Fla.
North-Central ⁴	41.3	SSW	1,594	27	Rapid City, S. Dak.	42.6	NNW	4,970	5	Detroit, Mich.	46.0	NNW	9,410	17	Fargo, N. Dak.
Central ⁵	37.2	SSE	1,120	6	Springfield, Mo.	44.3	W	3,600	3	Springfield, Ill.	60.0	WNW	11,400	26	Omaha, Nebr.
South-Central ⁶	38.0	S	2,440	21	Brownsville, Tex.	44.0	SW	4,630	28	Amarillo, Tex.	67.2	WNW	12,230	14	Houston, Tex.
Northwest ⁷	27.4	W	1,510	12	Billings, Mont.	30.0	NNW	4,460	15	Medford, Oreg.	62.8	N	8,540	11	Billings, Mont.
West-Central ⁸	36.5	NNW	2,480	22	Cheyenne, Wyo.	48.4	SSW	3,200	26	Modena, Utah	85.0	SW	14,670	22	Redding, Calif.
Southwest ⁹	39.0	WSW	2,500	15	El Paso, Tex.	42.0	SSW	5,000	1	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	61.0	N	8,418	17	Winslow, N. Mex.

¹ Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania—and northern Ohio.² Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, southern Ohio, Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, and North Carolina.³ South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.⁴ Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.⁵ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.⁶ Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas (except El Paso), and western Tennessee.⁷ Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.⁸ Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, northern Nevada—and northern California.⁹ Southern California, southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and extreme west Texas.TABLE 4.—Mean altitudes and temperatures of significant points identifiable as tropopause during March 1940, classified according to the potential temperatures (10° intervals between 290° and 409° A.) with which they are identified (based on radiosonde observations)

Potential tempera- tures °A.	Albuquerque, N. Mex.			Atlanta, Ga.			Billings, Mont.			Bismarck, N. Dak.			Boise, Idaho			Buffalo, N. Y.			Charleston, S. C.			
	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C.	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C.	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C.	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C.	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C.	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C.				
290-299							1	6.8	40.0	1	8.0	55.0				3	6.7	46.3				
300-309	1	6.1	26.0				2	7.4	39.0	1	8.4	50.0				8	7.9	48.1				
310-319	4	8.8	47.5	8	8.2	40.5	10	9.8	56.9	17	9.7	55.9	12	9.3	52.6	17	9.5	55.0	1	7.7	40.0	
320-329	15	10.6	55.0	15	10.1	60.1	22	10.0	60.4	13	10.8	60.2	17	10.7	58.1	19	10.4	57.7	10	10.6	55.0	
330-339	19	11.8	61.1	19	11.6	58.7	10	11.8	61.5	8	11.5	61.4	16	11.5	59.1	9	11.2	59.1	11	11.6	58.9	
340-349	10	12.4	61.4	15	12.7	64.5	1	20.0	56.1	1	10.9	50.0	3	12.1	61.0	5	12.1	63.8	9	12.8	63.9	
350-359	1	13.6	65.0	6	13.4	64.0	1	12.9	62.0	1	11.4	52.0	1	13.0	63.0	3	13.2	67.0	2	13.9	67.0	
360-369				1	13.2	57.0				1	13.2	58.0				2	13.0	59.0	2	14.3	67.5	
370-379				1	14.8	68.0							1	13.8	56.0							
380-389	2	15.3	67.0	3	15.4	68.3										3	13.8	63.7	5	15.5	66.8	
390-399	8	15.6	63.4	4	15.9	66.2	1	15.3	60.0							2	16.0	67.0	4	16.0	64.2	
400-409	4	16.2	63.0	6	16.2	64.0	2	15.7	60.0				3	15.5	57.0	1	14.9	52.0	12.8	61.0		
Weighted means		12.2	68.9		12.1	57.9		11.3	59.3		10.3	57.2		11.0	57.1							
Mean potential temperature °A (weighted)		345.5			345.1			330.4			323.0			331.7			326.5			360.0		
Number days with observations		29			30			27			20			27			28			23		

Potential tempera- tures, °A	Denver, Colo.			El Paso, Tex.			Ely, Nev.			Fairbanks, Alaska			Joliet, Ill.			Juneau, Alaska			Lakehurst, N. J.			
	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C	Num- ber of cases	Mean alti- tude (km.) m. s. l.	Mean tem- pera- ture °C				
290-299							1	9.6	60.0	3	7.3	49.3				1	7.7	51.1				
300-309							9	9.7	56.6	26	9.6	57.5	12	9.3	51.7	21	9.4	54.9	2	8.2	50.5	
310-319	9	9.2	49.3	4	9.0	46.8	9	9.7	56.6	11	11.2	61.0	11	10.3	57.7	22	10.4	56.0	9	9.3	53.3	
320-329	21	10.6	58.0	14	10.5	53.6	11	11.2	61.0	11	10.3	57.7	17	11.5	60.2	2	10.5	59.5	17	10.4	56.4	
330-339	15	11.8	62.2	21	11.6	58.5	15	12.0	63.3	1	11.0	57.0	17	11.5	60.2	2	10.2	64.0	9	11.7	61.8	
340-349	4	12.5	61.8	10	12.4	61.0	7	12.9	65.0				6	12.2	59.2				4	12.7	65.2	
350-359	2	12.8	68.0	6	13.4	63.3							2	13.2	63.5				2	13.5	68.0	
360-369				3	13.9	62.7																
370-379	2	13.6	57.5	1	15.7	72.0	3	13.8	57.7				1	13.4	53.0				2	13.8	59.5	
380-389	1	14.1	55.0	2	15.3	66.0	1	14.0	56.0				1	13.9	48.0				1	14.3	59.0	
390-399	1	14.8	59.0	5	16.2	68.6	1	16.0	67.0	1	14.4	48.0	1	15.4	60.0	1	16.5	52.0	4	16.0	58.5	
400-409	5	15.5	57.8	7	16.3	64.3	4	15.9	61.0	1	14.4	48.0	1	15.4	60.0	10.8	56.7	10.0	11.3	58.1		
Weighted means		11.5	58.0		12.5	59.5		12.0	61.2		9.5	55.2				10.0	55.8					
Mean potential temperature °A (weighted)		337.8			348.4			339.6			318.3			330.3			338.0			334.6		
Number days with observations		27			29			27			27			28			21			25		

TABLE 4.—*Mean altitudes and temperatures of significant points identifiable as tropopause during March 1940, etc.*—Continued